

When a PASRR is Required for Individuals Living in or Seeking Placement in North Carolina Assisted Living/Adult Care Home Communities

The intent behind conducting PASRR Screens is to ensure that individuals with a serious mental illness are screened to determine an appropriate level of care and placement and to ensure that the placement is the least restrictive appropriate to their needs. Individuals receive PASRR screenings for both potential nursing home and adult care home placement.

A PASRR Screen is required for all individuals, both private pay and Medicaid beneficiaries, according to the following:

If a individual living in any other setting (i.e. nursing home, group home, community or any other setting) has never had a PASRR Screen and is seeking placement to an adult care home community (ACH) **a PASRR Screen is required.**

If a resident is living in an ACH, has never had a PASRR Screen, and wishes to transfer to another ACH **a PASRR Screen is required.**

If a resident is admitted to a hospital with the intent of returning to the ACH from which they came, has never had a PASRR Screen, and for whatever reason choose to go to another ACH **a PASRR Screen is required.**

If a resident living in an adult care home community is officially discharged for any reason (i.e. hospitalization, transfer to community setting, or any other setting) has never had a PASRR Screen and wishes to return to the ACH from which they were discharged or any other ACH **a PASRR Screen is required.**

A resident is considered "officially discharged" from a facility as described below:

- If the discharge occurred according to 10A NCAC 13F.0702 or 10A NCAC 13G.0705 or the residents ACH Special Assistance payments was stopped, or PCS eligibility was stopped or SSI was suspended because of income.

If a resident is hospitalized for an acute episode, and was not officially discharged from the ACH, their room is being held, the residents personal belongings are still at ACH and the person is expected to return from the hospital to the specific ACH where they lived prior to hospitalization **a PASRR Screen is not required.**

For additional information regarding the PASRR process click on the link below to the March 1, 2013 Medicaid Special Bulletin.

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/bulletin/pdfbulletin/0313-Special%20Bulletin-PASRR.pdf>